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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5397

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5397 by replacing
3 line 5 on page 2 through line 4 on page 5 as follows:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 27-6.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6.5 new)

7 Sec. 27-6.5. Physical fitness assessments in schools.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "physical fitness assessment"
9 means a series of assessments to measure aerobic capacity, body
10 composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and
11 flexibility.

12 (b) To measure the effectiveness of State Goal 20 of the
13 Illinois Learning Standards for Physical Development and
14 Health, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and every
15 school year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall
16 require all public schools to use a scientifically-based,

1 health-related physical fitness assessment for grades 3
2 through 12 and periodically report fitness information to the
3 State Board of Education, as set forth in subsections (c) and
4 (e) of this Section, to assess student fitness indicators.

5 Public schools shall integrate health-related fitness
6 testing into the curriculum as an instructional tool, except in
7 grades before the 3rd grade. Fitness tests must be appropriate
8 to students' developmental levels and physical abilities. The
9 testing must be used to teach students how to assess their
10 fitness levels, set goals for improvement, and monitor progress
11 in reaching their goals. Fitness scores shall not be used for
12 grading students or evaluating teachers.

13 (c) On or before October 1, 2014, the State Superintendent
14 of Education shall appoint a 15-member stakeholder and expert
15 task force, including members representing organizations that
16 represent physical education teachers, school officials,
17 principals, health promotion and disease prevention advocates
18 and experts, school health advocates and experts, and other
19 experts with operational and academic expertise in the
20 measurement of fitness. The task force shall make
21 recommendations to the State Board of Education on the
22 following:

23 (1) methods for ensuring the validity and uniformity of
24 reported physical fitness assessment scores, including
25 assessment administration protocols and professional
26 development approaches for physical education teachers;

1 (2) how often physical fitness assessment scores
2 should be reported to the State Board of Education;

3 (3) the grade levels within elementary, middle, and
4 high school categories for which physical fitness
5 assessment scores should be reported to the State Board of
6 Education;

7 (4) the minimum fitness indicators that should be
8 reported to the State Board of Education, including, but
9 not limited to, a score for aerobic capacity (for grades 4
10 through 12); muscular strength; endurance; and
11 flexibility;

12 (5) the demographic information that should accompany
13 the scores, including, but not limited to, grade and
14 gender;

15 (6) the development of protocols regarding the
16 protection of students' confidentiality and individual
17 information and identifiers; and

18 (7) how physical fitness assessment data should be
19 reported by the State Board of Education to the public,
20 including potential correlations with student academic
21 achievement, attendance, and discipline data and other
22 recommended uses of the reported data.

23 The State Board of Education shall provide administrative
24 and other support to the task force.

25 The task force shall submit its recommendations on physical
26 fitness assessments on or before April 1, 2015. The task force

1 may also recommend methods for assessing student progress on
2 State Goals 19 and 21 through 24 of the Illinois Learning
3 Standards for Physical Development and Health. The task force
4 is dissolved on April 30, 2015.

5 The provisions of this subsection (c), other than this
6 sentence, are inoperative after March 31, 2016.

7 (d) On or before December 31, 2015, the State Board of
8 Education shall use the recommendations of the task force under
9 subsection (c) of this Section to adopt rules for the
10 implementation of physical fitness assessments by each public
11 school for the 2016-2017 school year and every school year
12 thereafter.

13 (e) On or before September 1, 2016, the State Board of
14 Education shall adopt rules for data submission by school
15 districts and develop a system for collecting and reporting the
16 aggregated fitness information from the physical fitness
17 assessments. This system shall also support the collection of
18 data from school districts that use a fitness testing software
19 program.

20 (f) School districts may report the aggregate findings of
21 physical fitness assessments by grade level and school to
22 parents and members of the community through typical
23 communication channels, such as Internet websites, school
24 newsletters, school board reports, and presentations.
25 Districts may also provide individual fitness assessment
26 reports to students' parents.

1 (g) Nothing in this Section precludes schools from
2 implementing a physical fitness assessment before the
3 2016-2017 school year or from implementing more robust forms of
4 a physical fitness assessment."